

# 9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, BAHRAIN

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## RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

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Only post file checks are made by the Embassy.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

### **Police Record**

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Available. To obtain a Bahraini "Good Conduct Certificate," write to: Criminal Investigation Directorate (CID), P.O. Box 26698, Manama, State of Bahrain, requesting an application for a "Good Conduct Certificate" (Form PS/CID/6). Once the application is received, complete and return it to the CID at the above address along with: three matte (i.e., non-glossy) photographs; a photocopy of the first four pages of the applicant's passport; a photocopy of all previous Bahraini resident permits; a set of fingerprints from the local police in the U.S. Enclose information that the "certificate" is being requested for immigration to the United States. Records are somewhat unreliable prior to 1967. There may be a fee for this service.

### **Prison Record**

*(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-96)*

Available. Write to: Officer in Charge, Prison Division, Manama Prison, P.O. Box 13, Manama, State of Bahrain.

## **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-96)*

Available. Write to: The Bahrain Defense Force, P.O. Box 245, Manama, State of Bahrain.

## **Birth Certificate**

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Available for all persons whose births occurred in a hospital. Such birth certificates can be obtained from the Birth and Death Records Office, Public Health Department, P.O. Box 12, Manama, State of Bahrain. The certificate is in both Arabic and English. Requirements are an application form (acquired from the above address), copies of parents' passports, name of child, date and place of birth. There may be a fee for this service.

For births that occurred at home and which were not recorded, an application form obtained from the above address should be completed and forwarded to the local court for attestation. Subsequently, a birth certificate is issued by the Public Health Department provided the applicant has furnished the same requirements as state above.

## **Marriage Certificate**

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Available. Marriages between Muslims are performed by local religious leaders according to Islamic law and custom. Certificates of marriages are kept on file with the appropriate Sharia Court. Requests for copies of these certificates should be addressed either to the Sunni or Shi'a Sharia Court, Ministry of Justice, P.O. Box 450, Manama, State of Bahrain. Each request should state the date of the marriage. These certificates are available only in Arabic. Marriages between two Christians can only be performed in four designated Christian churches, each maintaining its own records. Requests for these records should be directed to the church where the marriage took place. By request to the church, these records can be authenticated by the Office of the Director of the Law Courts of Bahrain. Between 1930 and 1971, all Christian marriages were recorded by the British Political Agent. Information from these records can be obtained from the British Embassy, P.O. Box 114, Manama, State of Bahrain.

## **Death Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)*

Available. Write to: The Director of Public Health, Birth and Death Records Office, Public Health Department, P.O. Box 12, Manama, State of Bahrain. The same procedures and fees apply as for birth certificates. Burial certificates for Christians buried in Bahrain are available from the church responsible for the burial.

## **Divorce Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-96)*

Available. Write to: The Chief Justice of the Sharia Court, Bahrain Ministry of Justice, P.O. Box 450, Manama, state of Bahrain. Copies of certificates of divorce, granted in accordance with Islamic law, can be obtained by the same procedure as for marriages.

**NOTE:** (A) The transliteration of Arabic names into English is not scientific. The spelling on one document is thus often at variance with the spelling on another. (B) The construction of a person's name can also vary. The first name is always the person's given name. The second name is always the person's father's name, and it should be the same for brothers and sisters. If a third name is used, it can be either the person's grandfather's name or the person's family name. Some people use four names, i.e. given name, father's name, grandfather's name and family name. (C) The word "bin" (meaning "son of") can be used or not without changing the person's identity. (D) Titles such as "Shaikh" or "Sayed" are used in some documents but are not actually part of the person's name.

## **Travel Documents/Laissez-passer**

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Non-citizen residents of Bahrain can now obtain travel documents valid for two years provided they can document their ties to Bahrain. Holders of these travel documents may also be able to obtain multiple re-entry permits valid for up to two years in Bahrain or at Bahraini embassies and consulates abroad. Posts may issue visas into these travel documents only if the alien possessing the documents also holds a re-entry permit to Bahrain or some other country valid for at least six months from the date of expiration of the alien's contemplated stay in the United States.

## **VISA ISSUANCE POSTS**

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Manama (E) All categories

## **GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED**

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All of Bahrain